

History of 890th M.P. Co. (Avn) (Cont'd)

10 April 1942. Surprise inspection of all alerts. Found in good order. Inspection made after dark.

11 April 1942. Sent through letter complaining of food for men at Rocky Point.

13 April 1942. Twenty-five men from station complement M.P. attached 15 to Rocky Point. 10 to Riverhead. Put up tents in Rocky Point. Hurry orders. Considering putting up mess facilities - too small a group to properly mess.

15 April 1942. Informed this a.m. by Col. Brenner that we will be up in Rochester on Monday. No further information. Station Complement M.P. to take over installations. A lot of scurrying around. This post sure doesn't have equipment.

17 April 1942. Advance detail to Rochester under Lt. Hartman, by truck.

20 April 1942. Main body to Rochester - Lehigh Valley - 2 coaches and a diner. Everything ran smoothly. Met at station by Major Dicken. Com. Wood (Safety). Col. Gordon and Capt. Parker, new C.O. went by truck to post - old school house, Cobb Hill Park, opposite lake at foot of hill. Advised will take over company again.

May

11 May 1942. Ordered back to Buffalo.

12 May 1942. Truck convoy to Buffalo.

15 May 1942. Company A - activated as 890th M.P. Bn.

19 May 1942. Left Buffalo for Fort Dix. APO 1066, Postmaster, N.Y. Travelled by truck to station. Marched to train (one man dropped a Hickok ash tray). Old coaches, slept on the seats, 30 cents sandwiches. Finally arrived Fort Dix 1030 p.m.

20 May 1942. No mess. Had to scurry around. Finally ate at 4 P.M. Show down inspections. Men taking turns at going over the hill.

22 May 1942. Building Quarantined. No passes. Julian and Rosmos in hospital.

June

1. Rosmos out of hospital. Julian still in hospital. Unit outfitted. After many salvages.

3 June 1942. Left staging area - 830 P.M. was ready to leave at 745 a.m. Byrnes, Kelly, Schockly singing. Joy all around. Train of 9 cars of which we occupied cars 8 & 9 left at 10 P.M.

4 June 1942. At 205 a.m. at Ferry leaving Jersey City for N. Y. On the boat - Queen Elizabeth at 4 a.m. Left N.Y. at 1106 a.m. Received word a stowaway was on board. M.P. on guard whole trip over. 4 Hours on 8 Hours off our duty from 12-4. Life belt inspections every day, inspection of quarters every day. Food for the men was awful. Assigned one officer to take company to each meal.

5 June 1942. Men not properly relieved from post, not reporting to proper posts, excuse for not shaving - no water - spirit good.

6 June 1942. Lt. Harman appointed censoring Officer - strict censorship of mail. No mention of trip. Partial Pay for men of 75 dollars.

8 June 1942. Continually policing.

9 June 1942. Ready for disembarking. Capt. La Barr to escort us. Leave boat following evening. Plan to leave the boat at 1930 hours. Dock 2130 hours. Train 2230 hours. Seven hour train ride. No U.S. currency to be spent.

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10 June 1942. Arrived at Canado Hall. Hostel site built for girl employees of neighboring factory. Major Davis in command. Excellent set up - rooms - 2 men to each, sink and hot and cold running water in each. Hotel style. British wanted to know the time we would be having out tea. Set up a guard, drawing men from the other companies. Three (3) miles from Warrington.

12 June 1942. More men arrived - 5th Air Depot Group took over. Major Cauldivell in command. Women working on post - boys having a good time.

17 June 1942. Air-raid teams organized - can begin sending letters. APO 872.

25 June 1942. Sgt Phillips reduced. Left post while C. Q.

26 June 1942. Cpl Coyle reduced - hunting while on duty. The axe is flying. Several Pfc's reduced.

July

15 July 1942. Took over M 437 - Burton Wood. Two (2) gates and as many more guard houses.

\* 16 July 1942. Men being instructed in pistol. Stevens accidentally fired his, hitting Soffer - First death in organization. Rosmos also wounded - just in finger - fit for duty.

\* 20 July 1942. Soffer buried in Brookwood cemetery.

24 July 1942. Colored troops causing disturbance in Bellevue - entertainment resort. Capt. Heck called for M.P. assistance.

25 July 1942. Capt. Heck, 28 Q.M. requested M.P. assistance. Colored troops, quartered in Bellevue, a miniature Coney Island, were getting out of hand. Went down with 20 volunteers. No fun.

26 July 1942. Sunday morning formation to announce a lot of promotions - quite a surprise.

August

8 August 1942. Lt. Col. MacNichol, 397 Q.M. Bn. (Colored) meeting in Liverpool. Quite a problem with colored troops, and white women. Morale being shot - no available men to police Liverpool - advise P.M. Col. Weyand. Trial of Hammond for rape. Furnished guard.

16-17 August 1942. Dock duty at Liverpool. Worked all night but ate well on board ship. Francis Kelley rescued S/Sgt S. Mellinger 39232817 who accidentally fell from ship to water.

16 August 1942. Moved to Burtonwood. Quarters not so comfortable but more soldierly.

24 August 1942. Moved into our barracks at M437 - Washington Hall, Burtonwood. Own Mess starts 27 August. S/Sgt Courtemanche, Sgt. Lacey, Sgt (Mother) Young, Cpl Bedore and Pfc Farrell on mess staff. Lt. Hartman mess officer.

22 August 1942. Lt. Moreau transferred from SD to 5th Air Depot group. Had been on SD as defense officer since 26 July 1942.

27 August 1942. 1st Sgt Lyman automatically raised to M/Sgt. No celebrations - no one drunk.

September

26 September 1942. Baseball game M.P. - ICI (Civilian - Widness) 10 - 2 In our favor of course.

October

3 October 1942. Schweizer & Wilhelm came in really drunk - funniest sight. First time I'd ever known them to do that.

4 October 1942. Liverpool Dock - USAT - Brazil - from Ireland worked all day. Diana transferred.

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10 October 1942. Col. Lanagan inspected men - fine show. He was obviously much impressed. Trying to get us more men.

13 October 1942. S/Sgt McCullough took prisoner by air to Scotland. The "Flying Constable"

19 October 1942. 12 men selected from 10 ADG to make cops out of in 2 weeks training. 3 more to be chosen.

22 October 1942. Gen. Frank on post. Col. Lanagan well pleased with organization. Praised men. General thought very highly of them. Making a military post out this. Flag & bugle. Buglers are Cassetari and Vogus.

26 October 1942. It's now Capt. Kritzer and 1st Lt. Sabolyk - Orders came through as of 23 October 1942.

November

11 November 1942. Trained Air corps to put on Formal Guard Mount - for pictures.

10 November 1942. Eleanor Roosevelt on post. M.P. cycles picked her up and brought her to airport. Martha Raye and Kay Francis expected today.

14 November 1942. Lt. Hartman relieved from company. Lt. Ed. Smith assigned.

21 November 1942. Section Officer Marsh inspected the troops this date. First woman to inspect. Miss Marsh is cypher officer - liason with RAF.

November 1942.

25 Thanksgiving Day. No turkey but porkchops, potatoes, stuffing, string beans, soup, beer and cigars as well as pie and cheese. Some difference from those first meals over here.

29 November 1942. Relieved from attachment 5th ADG.

December

3 December 1942. Moved into other building. Spread out more - men more comfortable. However now we are also in the food and restaurant business. Have a general mess of over 300.

5 December 1942. Inspection and review by Col. Lanagan of all troops.

12 December 1942. Company inspected by Col. Lanagan. Praised us. Said we were the best on the post.

21 December 1942. Lt. Sabolyk - Officer's mess. If you want it well done - let the MP's do it - said the Colonel.

28 December 1942. 49 EM and 2 Officers, Lt. Voliva and Lt. Newman 977 MP Co. (Avn) attached. Lt. Newman relieved Lt. Sabolyk as officer's Mess Officer.

January 1943.

1 January 1943. Motor Sgt. Rogowski failed to pass Capt. Frazier's motor drivers test.

11 January 1943. Col Walter E. Rzand transferred to OCS - he's to go back to the States for training - Fort Custer, Michigan - 7 miles from his home.

23 January 1943. Miss Walter to inspect Company AMERICAN Red Cross. Postponed. Colonel's inspection. Inspected by Major Wilson, executive Officer to be. Colonel said he didn't have to inspect us.

30 January 1943. Miss Walter American Red Cross inspected Company. Very much impressed.

February

20 February 1943. Letter of commendation from I. G. for company - read this morning - party this evening to celebrate. He was a tough I.G. But the company as usual is on top. Every man is truly proud.



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March

6 March 1943. Col. Rader inspected all troops on post and declared to all Company Commanders that MP's by far were the best trained and best looking. Re-marked how well pressed our coats are. Later a letter of commendation came out for the rest of the post.

20 March 1943. "Wings for Victory" parade in Manchester. Only American troops represented. First the flag, then the men, then motorcycles, jeep with tommy gun, men, weapons carrier with mounted machine gun, desert jeep, command car, 2 1/2 ton truck. Boys looked exceptionally well. Tea at American Red Cross afterwards.

28 March 1943. 20 civilian technicians turned over to train as guards and watchmen. They at their salary will work beside soldiers. The men are upset over this.

25 March 1943. Civilian Technicians completed training - pistol, rifle, interior guard, sabotage, fire, gas.

30 March 1942. 2:20 P.M. took over guard at Damshead - Sgt Petersen and 3 men - pending return of post to British. Boys were going to move into the Colonel's quarters but will move into sick bay - just as nice and more room.

April

1 April 1943. Took over interior guard of post - night guard comments from all about fire job.

23 April 1943. Fifteen men attached from various units for MP work - everyone being stretched to limit. Colonel Fennell and Capt. Dribble (ETO & SAF) inspected.

26 April 1943. 977 Det. leaves for Wharton.

27 April 1943. 976 Det. arrived.

28 April 1943. 1 Officer, 31 EM go to M.P. school - Lt. Smith, McConnaugh, Gerow and DeHate.

May

15 May 1943. 60 EM - 2 Officer from 251st MP Co. reported quartered at Canada Hall. Town patrol had been discontinued. Put on again under S/Sgt Willis. Really needed.

22 May 1943. Warrington "Wings for Victory" parade. No band and followed WRENS - had to march halfstep.

30 May 1943. Memorial day parade. Have a new post flag. Have firing squads under Sgt Rogowski - AM Flag carried by American Indian (S/Sgt Fisher, 251st MP), Post flag by S/Sgt Willis. Really fine show.

June

5 June 1943. Lt. Sabolyk, Sgt Mahoney, Cpl Hodges to PM. school. Lt. Smith, Sgt McConnaughey, Gerow and Cpl DeHate back.

8 June 1943. Evenson transferred 988 MP Co. (Avn).

10 June 1943. 10 E.M. assigned to company.

12 June 1943. Company dance at ICI club in Widness. Boys all had good time. Meyers and Cassettari fought. Can't find out yet why. 30 WAAFS attended. Kelly sang. Also Shockley. 10 new boys invited. Everyone happy.

16 June 1943. Goodrow and Miller assigned to organization.

25 June 1943. 12 additional men assigned. One to be returned.



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28 June 1943. Cowling to be transferred. Started school for all men again.

July

3 July 1943. Cpl Carman to go to OCS.

16 July 1943. Cpl Perecra called from Warrington, Command car MP stolen. Walden driver. Car located.

17 July 1943. Car located near camp - embarrassing.

28 June 1943. Begin school for men - 3 classes same subject. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 28 June 1943, Customs and Courtesies.

5 July 1943. Interior Guard.

12 July 1943. Interior Guard.

19 July 1943. Interior guard, practical.

20 July 1943. 50 Ack, Ack each night for guard. 1st night found one taking his gun apart on post.

22 July 1943. Ordered to return ack - ack men to organization.

24 July 1943. Bob Hope show - escorted m/c from Stars - parked vehicles - had about 7000 attend - cleared them without incident. One hour after cleared, plane crashed. (And all those invited guests might have been around.)

28 July 1943. Gen. Miller and Eddy Rickenbacker on post - motorcycle escort. Rickenbacker spoke to BM of post. Really impressive - concerning experiences. 1108th MP Co. (Avn), 100 EM, 4 Officers reported in.

August

9 August 1943. Moved to site # 3, 7 Huts (Nessin type) for men, 1 hut for orderly room and supply. Fourteen men to a hut, single beds. Men very comfortable, food good. More like soldiering that at Tinker Hall.

21 August 1943. Lt. Smith transferred to 401st AD.

31 August 1943. Orders assigning Lt. Sheldon revoked.

September

3 September 1943. Received order transferring Lt. Sabolyk to 251 MP Co.

6 September 1943. Gen. Arnold - C.G. all air forces visited post. Guard of Honor com. by Capt. Kritzer consisting of McGowan, Kelley W., Holmes, Hodges, Brooks, Brannan, Wheeler, Conrad, Morgan, Pereira. Went off very well.

7 September 1943. Manchester turned over to 808 MP - assisting them in policing for 3 days.

13 September 1943. Lt. Skeldon assigned to company as of 11 Sept. 1943.

22 September 1943. New prison - 30 colored prisoners brought in from Widewing.

23 September 1943. 1289th MP Co. (Avn) reported in.

27 September 1943. Guard of Honor for Gen. Devers and Mr. Donald Nelson.

October

5 October 1943. Office moved to BRD

21 October 1943. Post Officially turned over to Americans. MP's guard of honor and color Guard.

29 October 1943. 1144th MP Co. (Avn) reported to duty.

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November

17 November 1943. Lt. Skeldon to Special duty. Base Adm. Inspector.

December

31 December 1943. Thirty-six men transferred into company including 3 T/Sgt's to make MP's of them.

January 1944.

11 January 1944. Men attached and not assigned.

26 January 1944. 11 men assigned to Organization from casual. Former guard squadron. Krumsick to guardhouse for theft of flightjackets.

28 January 1944. Capt. Kritzer relieved as Provost Marshal.

February 1944

16 February 1944.

USSTAF authorizing T/O of 356 men.

March

2 March 1944. Officers and Enlisted Men of 1108th, 1144th, 251st MP, 21 men from 1289th MP transferred to 890th MP Co. (Avn)

5 March 1944. Orders came out, reorganization of 890th MP Co. combining 1144, 1108 and 251st and the old 890th MP Co., dated 2 March 1944. Discontent among some of the men. Others unconcerned. Total strength: 477 E.M. and 9 Officers. 1st Sgt. Hans Byers of the 251st MP Co. is the new first Sergeant. Det. "A" and "B" remained at Poynton and Southport. (Old 251st men)/

6 March 1944. General confusion. Everyone sweating out property, etc. Records being forwarded to Adjutant General.

8 March 1944. Some men transferring out of company. Far over enlarged Table of Organization authorized strength of 356 E.M.

10 March 1944. Things getting settled now. 1144th Co. about closed out and property cleared. Men still transferring out to comply with new T/O.

15 March 1944. Pvs. Matchen and Reed went A.W.O.L. Usual duties under new command working smoothly as can be expected this early in the new Company.

21 March 1944. Lt. Galbreath transferred to VIII Fighter Command. 1108 Company property mostly cleared.

24 March 1944. Lt. Perez-Petinto transferred to 3rd Bomb Div. Capt. Weitzel also, but he's not thru clearing his property.

26 March 1944. Capt. Kritzer left for Bomb. Recon. school near London today. Lt. Sigler in command. Lt. Segal on Court Martial board. DS job.

25 March 1944. Capt. R. Sabolyk is going back to the states. He's sure happy. Capt. Kritzer is exactly opposite as he and Capt. Sabolyk came together. Capt. Sabolyk assigned to Casual Pool awaiting shipment. All men that have been overseas 18 months are hoping their chance is soon in coming.

28 March 1944. Capt. Weitzel left today for the 3rd Bomb Div. Old 1108 Company Commander. Pvt. Krumsick out of confinement. Lt. Segal back from DS job yesterday. Assumed command of company.

29 March 1944. Downtown office for the Military Police finally approved and work has started. A Downtown parking lot for Gov't vehicles has been approved also. In operation already.



*J. Smith*

HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION NO 590  
APO 635 USA

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15 March 1944

SUBJECT: Submission of Monthly Historical Reports.

TO : 890th MP Company (Avn).  
(ATTENTION: Historian).

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters, B. DA, ASC, USSTAF, subject: "Submission of Monthly Historical Reports", dated 9 March 1944, the Station Historian at AAF 590 is charged (Par. 3a) with collection each month from individual units on the station Unit History Reports to be transmitted through channels to Army Air Forces Headquarters. It will be his responsibility to see that these reports are in order and complete; he will act as an advisor.

2. The Historical officer for each unit will immediately undertake to bring the history of the unit up-to-date, in accordance with instructions set forth in letter, Headquarters 1st B/D, subject: "Unit Histories", dated 6 March 1944.

3. Historical officers of units of this station will submit at least one Monthly Historical Report on or before 22 March 1944 and Historical Reports up to and including the month of March 1944 will be submitted not later than 5 April 1944. Historical Reports for ensuing months will be submitted on or before the 5th day of the succeeding month.

4. Reports will be made in quintuplicate.

By Order of Colonel SCOTT:



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U. S. Army

2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Company History.

TO : Base Historian, AAF 890, APO 635, U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with Circular # 1 and letter, Headquarters, 1st BAD, subject, Unit History dated 6 March 1944, the following report for the month of April is hereby submitted to your office.

April 1944.

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4 April 1944. Lt. Raymond Laywell transferred to 1st Bomb Division. Quota of enlisted men on furlough.

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24 April 1944. Pfc John S. Bellas came in and asked Capt. Kritzer for one of his bars. He said his girl friend was sick and wanted a bar. He was very serious about the affair so Capt. Kritzer gave him one. I don't get the connection but it's okay. Anything for the morale of the men. Men were given a safety and security lecture this morning by Col. Carter. Men were commended for their superior work in controlling traffic and soldiers. Pvt C. Drew ordered out of arrest of quarters by Capt. Shoen (Major Carmichael's Assistant). Reason unknown!

26 April 1944. Pfc Gaspare LaRosa made the "New York Times" by his famous Brooklyn spaghetti. The article was sent to Lt. M. M. Segal by his mother. Pfc LaRosa had been interviewed by U.S. Army reporters a couple weeks previous to the publication in the paper.

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30 April 1944. Men all moved to huts where they will be sleeping in reliefs and Headquarters sections under the N.C.O.'s in charge of reliefs. Men were all paid today so the boys made the usual rounds to the public houses.

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14 May - Mother's Day in the army as well as in the civilian world. Many of the boys were entertained in private homes by English mothers. A very good way to build up Anglo-American relations.

16 May - General Doolittle was on post. No guard of honor requested. ETO restriction for 30 hours began. The town patrol working on the double again.

17 May - General "Ike" Eisenhower was on the base. No guard provided. The boys were prepared for a "Guard of Honor" but the call was later cancelled. Very disappointing to the boys.

20 May - "Salute to Soldiers" parade in Warrington. 1st Sergeant Anderson and Sgt Holmes (1289th MP Co) carried the colors with Cpl Bartlow and PFC Alm acted as color guards. The boys put on a good show. They looked very neat with their white gloves and white "MP" helmets. Some of the civilians remarked how nice the MP's looked.

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20 May 1944. "Salute to Soldiers" parade in Barrington. 1st Sergeant Lindsey and Sgt Holmes (1289th MP Co) carried the colors with Cpl Bartlow and PFC Alm

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890th Military Police Co. (Avn)  
AAF Station 590 APO 635  
U. S. Army.

4 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Company History.

TO : Base Historian, AAF 590, APO 635, U. S. Army.

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1 August 1944. Major J. B. Kritzer and Pfc Albert Papp left for Station 802 to inspect our eight (8) SM and their dogs. Lt. Marvin Segal again our commanding Officer. Cpl Harry DeHate transferred to 1289th Military Police Co (Avn).

3 August 1944. Pvt Joseph Schwartz tried by General Courts Martial in Manchester by US Government and sentenced to three (3) years hard labor. Major Kritzer and driver returned from Temporary duty at AAF Station 802. All's well with the dog detachment.

5 August 1944. One of the boys thought he could tear up the town to create a little excitement but found himself in that dark cell in downtown M. P. Headquarters before he succeeded. Even the MP's can't do that, you know. Sgt William Bill thought he would enjoy a swim to cool off after a hot day but landed in the hospital with a fractured foot. Even swimming isn't safe nowadays.

8 August 1944. Another hut movement ordered by the site commander. Discontentment among the boys as they've been working hard during off time to landscape the area.

10 August 1944. Our Company Commander went to bat and won on our hut movement. We didn't lose the huts we were suppose to in the original hut movement order. Pvt Richard Naley landed in the hospital via motorcycle accident.

11 August 1944. Lt. George Sigler and three of our boys went to 2912th DFC to deliver some more prisoners. Traveled by truck again. Soldier's voting cards passed out. Lectures given to all the boys on their privileges and rights as well as their obligations were explained.

13 August 1944. Cpl Arval Wade and Pvt Charlie Reed of the motorcycle section did a swell job of escorting Colonel Bradie (BADA, AG) to the scene of the accident in which the first casualty among the BTO Wacs occurred. They escorted the Colonel and party thirty-eight (38) miles in forty-five (45) minutes through all sorts of traffic. The Medical department, Investigation section, and the Sac's Commanding Officer accompanied the low flying convoy. The party arrived twenty (20) minutes before the girl died. A magnificent piece of work by our motorcycle section.

14 August 1944. "Sore Arms" were popular around the company today and not from any wild parties either. "Shots" were the order of the day for some odd hundred of the boys.

15 August 1944. The boys had a real treat today when Capt. Glenn Miller and his famous band played here today. No trouble getting volunteers for these kind of details. Motorcycles were essential to handle the huge crowd.

17 August 1944. The entire Military Police Personnel not on duty were called out for a physical shake-down of Site 2. Some one hundred and fifty pounds and other things were stolen from the Site PX. The search netted many articles not authorized but nothing was found of the money.

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880th Military Police Co (Avn)  
Historical Report - August 44  
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22 August 1944. The 1289th MP Co (Avn) outfit threw repeated challenges at our company, so the time came when we had to show them we could play ball. The boys came out on top with a 12 to 5 victory. Pvt Junior Stillenbaur picked up for 18 days A.M. when the town patrol pulled a surprised patrol in a nearby town.

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31 August 1944. Usual pay day in the company today. The soldier's pay books and Identification cards were handed out with their pay thereby killing three birds with one shot. Over 170 pounds were made in soldier's deposit this pay day.

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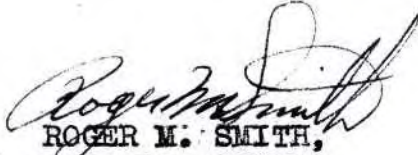
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2. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

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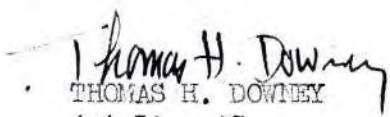
  
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INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP  
SUPPLY DIVISION  
BADA ASC USSTAF  
AAF 590 APO 635

Date 2 January, 1945.

SUSPENSE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: NEW YEARS'S EVE PARTY.

NOTE : Use this slip for notes in connection with this correspondence. All notes will be numbered consecutively top to bottom. A line will be drawn the full width of the slip below each note. Each note will be signed, not initialed. Additional sheets will be numbered consecutively

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TO PROVOST MARSHALL FROM D.O.S.  
B.A.D.A.

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2. In doing a fine job each man was a credit to your organization, and it will be greatly appreciated if you can see your way clear to express our thanks and wish them all a very Happy and Successful New Year.

/s/ James P. Newberry,  
/t/ JAMES P. NEWBERRY,  
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TO COMMANDING OFFICER FROM PROVOST  
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TO Major Kritzer

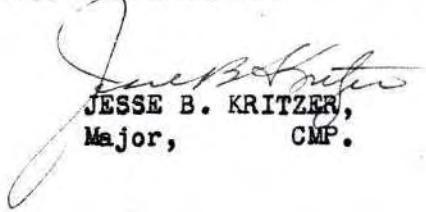
FROM Commanding  
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COMMENT # 3

1. It is requested that the commendation of Colonel Newberry be brought to the attention of all members of the Military Police organizations and that they be advised that I take this opportunity to express my own appreciation for their splendid work on this particular occasion and also for the efficient and courteous manner in which they consistently perform their many duties. The conduct and appearance of Military Police on duty, particularly at large gatherings and at public places is a most influential factor in the formation of an opinion of the command they represent by all those who observe them. There have been many occasions on which I have taken a real personal pride in the fact that Military Police performing their duties on those occasions were members of my command.

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A TRUE COPY: CERTIFICATE:

  
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890TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)  
HISTORICAL REPORT - Jan 1945

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4 January 1945. Two of the motorcycle patrolmen escorted General FRANK to Wharton after visiting this station.

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6 January 1945. The Black Maria and it's crew took off today for another prison escort detail. A second truck followed the big cage on wheels, carrying guards and baggage.

10 January 1945. Another 48-hour ETO restriction was slapped on all American Military personnel. Our boys are working almost double time again. Patrols were sent to various surrounding towns such as Widnes, Leighton St. Helens to check for AWOL's, etc.

12 January 1945. The restriction ended with a total of 203 pass cancellations and 10 arrests for AWOL. One GI got away from two of the boys while taking him to the downtown office. He was caught 2 hours later and confined. All the boys went on duty without brassards and weapons. This caused them to be less conspicuous and the GI's didn't dodge them as they made the rounds on patrol.

14 January 1945. The two prisoners, Bragg and Allison, made another escape this morning. All available men and motorcycles took off about 0730 hours in an attempt to capture them. They escaped while coming from chow when they overpowered Pvt Darrell Woods, took his gun and took off.

15 January 1945. Lt. Smith got a hot clue on one of the escaped prisoners so he took two men with him to investigate. Bragg had been seen in Billings (about 8 miles from here) and civilians had seen him hide in the woods. Major Kritzer was called and brought about 20 men with him to search the woods. Before the searching party arrived, Lt. Smith, who was standing watch, spotted Bragg trying to make a getaway. He chased him on his motorcycle until Bragg cut over a field then Lt. Smith overtook him on foot and after a threatening "Halt", Bragg surrendered. A search of the woods for Allison netted nothing but at least one has been apprehended.

20 January 1945. A new two-way Radio sending and receiving set has been installed in the guard house and patrol cars. This enables the operator at the Guard house to talk to the patrol drivers and vice versa. This system makes the patrols much more efficient as they can be called to scenes of accidents, traffic jams and whatever may come under their jurisdiction.



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Cont'd. Jan 1945.

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24 January 1945. All men under 31 years of age were called for physical examination yesterday and today. Preliminary to the Infantry Reinforcement system about to get under way. Everyone sweating out whether or not they will have to go.

26 January 1945. The first of the old 890th boys had a chance to go home today for a ten-day furlough. Lt. Smith drew the first name which was Pfc John O'Connor. He decided there were more emergency situations in the outfit so Pfc O'Connor drew a name which was Tec 5 Henry Wylock. Cpl Wylock didn't think he deserved to go as much as some other boys so he drew a name which was Cpl Richard Kiser. Cpl Kiser thought too that there were other boys in the company more deserving so he drew Tec 5 Albert Papp. Cpl Papp who has a wife and a child two and a half years old whom he has never seen, decided that he deserved to go as much as anyone so Cpl Papp is going home. The attitude of the company is much in favor of the choice for a chance to go home.

28 January 1945. An alert list of 18 men from this company has been published for transfer to a Reinforcement center. Everyone busy trying to get the men supplied and properly cleared. Cpl Albert Papp has been delayed two days on his departure but well worth it as his furlough has been changed to 30 days. The boys who turned down the 10 days are kicking themselves now but it was the chance they took.

30 January 1945. The boys are still preparing for their transfer to the Reinforcement center. Cpl Papp left today for the 10th Reinforcement center for his trip back to the U. S.

31 January 1945. Usual busy Pay Day with everything under control in town. Bragg, the prisoner, finished his 3-day court-martial today and was sentenced to 20 years hard labor and a dishonorable discharge.

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**890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN)(AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT - FEB. 1945**

1 February 1945. Eighteen (18) men left today for the 12th Reinforcement Detachment APO 551. None seemed too anxious about going but there was nothing they could do about it. Company strength is now cut to 345 EM including both Detachment. T Sgt Andrew S Patey, our Personnel Sgt, went to the hospital yesterday with a case of yellow jaundice. A big vacant spot is left in Headquarters but is being capably filled by Sgt William Bill, the assistant Personnel clerk.

5 February 1945. Sgt George Burke went on an investigation trip to the 12th Reinforcement Center. He saw some of our former boys. They seem to be working pretty hard down there, but all look good.

8 February 1945. Sgt Vincent J Byrnes took a vehicle while on duty and went downtown to a pub. Sgt Byrnes got to drinking and got into a fight. The alternative of a court-martial or reduction was offered Byrnes and he agreed to a reduction.

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11 February 1945. Pfc Clifford Drew left today for an orientation visit to AAF Station 111. He wants to make a mission in one of the bombers so Major Kritzer acquired a permit from Colonel SCOTT, Post Commander, for Drew to go if possible.

14 February 1945. Another shipment rumor is spreading among the boys. They are all beginning to sweat again. Lt. R. M. Smith took the "Black Maria" and a crew of guards today heading toward the 2912th Dis Tng Ctr with a load of prisoners.

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Lt. Smith and his boys returned today with no eventful incidents on the trip.

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890th MP Co (Avn)(Aug)

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21 February 1945. A plane crash near Chester called for three (3) guards in hurry. Rations for several days, bed rolls and weapons were drawn by the guards and they took off on the double. Several motorcyclists escorted the ambulance to the scene of the crash but the ambulance was of little use as the two occupants were dead and half burnt.

A call for Infantry Officer's Candidates came out today. Several of the boys are applying. It's a ninety day course, set up on the same basis as Fort Benning Officer's Candidate School.

23 February 1945. Another list of Pfc's came out today. Most all the boys who have been staying on the ball are being promoted to Pfc. A new Army Regulation permits promotion of Privates to Pfc after 12 months overseas service. It's a good way to keep the boys working and staying on the beam once they are promoted.

25 February 1945. Major Kritzer, his driver, and two witnesses left for Stone for a General Court Martial today.

26 February 1945. The "Black Maria" left today with another load of GI prisoners and the prisoner Bragg, finally left. Capt Segal has been relieved of this very big worry.

28 February 1945. Major Kritzer arrived back in time for pay call.

Total Officer Strength: 5 (All white)  
Total EM Strength : 324 (All white)

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890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN) (AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT - MAR 1945

2 March 1945. The first of the Infantry Officer's Candidates left today for school. Sgt Benjamin A. Gerow was the first of the new 890th MP Company to apply for OCS.

3 March 1945. 1st Sgt Luther Lindsey and T Sgt Michael Garkovich, two more OCS candidates, left today for school. A good record was set by the boys applying. All three who applied and were called before the board, passed all examinations and all have left for school.

5 March 1945. Prisoner Allison was apprehended in Leeds today. The "Black Maria" was sent there to pick him up. He escaped last December from a prison chaser and has been on the loose since. A dental and sex film was shown to all the boys today.

6 March 1945. Major Kritzer left this morning for a Court-Martial in London. Capt. Marvin Segal takes command of the company. No one from this company was drawn for furloughs home this month. Guess we can't hit every time. The new Army Regulation governing Morning Reports went into effect today. There was a little difficulty transposing from the old to the new type but a little extra work by the 1st Sergeant and company clerk cleared up the situation. The new type is more concise and gives a better account of each man than the old did.

8 March 1945. Pfc Lloyd Dold was caught by the Officer of the Day and the Sgt of the guard loitering on post. He was relieved and placed in arrest of quarters. Upon investigation it was learned that Pfc Dold was posted on the Jet plane post where there were fumes escaping which caused him to become drowsy. He was given company punishment in lieu of a court-martial.

10 March 1945. Major Kritzer returned last night and took over the company this morning. Another seven (7) EM promoted to Private first class today.

13 March 1945. Another load of prisoners went for a ride in the "Black Maria" today to the 2912th Dis-Tng Ctr. The escape proof wagon is still doing a super job in transporting prisoners.

16 March 1945. Two boys in the last two days went to the hospital with attacks of appendicitis. Almost seems like an epidemic hitting the company. The Supply Sergeant was one of the casualties. Left the supply short-handed.

18 March 1945. Major General Jones of the Adjutant General's office is on the post inspecting records, files, and living quarters. Everyone is just a little more on the ball expecting the General to inspect our area.

21 March 1945. A special showing of "Winged Victory" at the Gaiety theater in Manchester was put on for the American boys on this base. The event called for a detail of MP's to control the crowd. A guard of honor was furnished by our boys as well as a motorcycle escort for General BERMAN, Commanding Officer of the Base Air Depot Area. All the boys who could go went to see the movie and from comments everyone enjoyed it very much. Lt. Smith received a commendation from Major Hudson Special Services, for his outstanding work and in performing his duties.



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22 March 1945. 13 EM - just fresh from the United States assigned to the company. Quite a bit of rank arrived with the bunch and didn't set too well with the fellows who have been with the company a long time. Can't blame them but things like that happen in the army.

24 March 1945. Another 9 EM assigned to the company bringing strength up to 302 EM, less Det "A". An alert list of 6 EM has been published for the Infantry Reinforcement Program. Our quota, 1/3 of the last two calls. Two of the motorcycle boys decided to go for a ride before duty hours to see a couple Wacs. It seems they were seen and now find themselves digging ditches far into the night.

28 March 1945. Lt. Sigler took a load of G.I. convicts to 2912th Dis Tng Ctr with the "Black Maria" today! Three newly made Pfc's couldn't stay on the ball so today they became Privates again. The six (6) alerted Infantry Reinforcement trainees left today for their training.

30 March 1945. Quite a few temporary duty trips with secret Radar equipment have been called out lately. It gives the boys a chance to see many parts of England. Lt. Sigler and his guards returned today with no mishaps.

31 March 1945. The company voted today to have a company party. A collection was made at pay call which totaled over 100 pounds. Arrangements are being made for food, band and all other necessary arrangements. Usual pay call with no mishaps in town.

Total Officer strength: 4 Less Det "A" (White)  
Total EM strength : 296 Less Det "A" (White)

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890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN)(AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT - APR 1945

3 April 1945. Preparation for the company party is in full swing. Everything getting into readiness. Two of the motor pool boys took off to AAF Station 572 to swap three used motorcycles for new ones.

5 April 1945. Major Kritzer left yesterday on a 3-day pass to the Isle of Man. One of the boys decided rather than pull his guard duty, he would have a nap. He found himself in the Post Guardhouse with little delay. Another six (6) boys promoted to Private First Class. The two boys who went after new motorcycles came back with the old ones. Someone beat them to the punch.

7 April 1945. T/Sgt Andrew S Patey transferred to the Detachment of Patients for a trip back to the States. His transfer was a loss to the company.

9 April 1945. The detachment at Hydeck Park returned today. A new detachment from the Air Corps has taken over the MP duties there. A mutual transfer of two (2) EM netted the company no gain so far as man-power is concerned. Capt Segal and Lt. Smith left on a 3-day pass today.

11 April 1945. Nine (9) EM transferred to the Ground Forces today. That makes a total of fifty-five (55) men departing for the Ground Forces since reconversion began. A trip to the UK Base Guardhouse today was directed by Lt. Robert Sypher of our colleague MP Company. Load included a group of GI prisoners. Arrangements are complete for the company party.

13 April 1945. The world was surprised and shocked today to hear of President Roosevelt's death. The European Theater of Operations has declared a 30-day mourning period in memory of the President. Flags were flown at half-mast in his memory all over England. All social entertainments, including our company party were cancelled to pay tribute to a great man.

15 April 1945. A memorial service was held today by the entire station. A guard of honor was furnished by our company. Any and all tributes to the President have been well earned by a great fighting man. 1st Sgt Robert Lyman left on furlough today.

18 April 1945. 13 EM arrived today to be assigned to the company. All of them are former combat men having been wounded on the continent, hospitalized and returned to non-combatant duty. Lt. Smith detailed as Ass't Station Provost Marshal. The Lieutenant now holds both Area and Station Assistant Provost Marshal jobs.

20 April 1945. Nine (9) Reinforcement trainees left at 0600 hours today for their infantry training. An American P-51 Pilot was picked up at the control tower with no identification. The Intelligence Section was called down and learned the officer had been shot down over Germany, taken prisoner and freed by the Infantry troops as they liberated a Prisoner of War camp. The Lieutenant caught a ride to Paris and flew back in a transport plane. His organization was contacted and it was learned he had been missing in action and his identification was confirmed. 1st Sgt R. J. Lyman reported in from furlough today long enough to appear before a board for direct appointment AUS.



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890th MP Company History: Report Cont'd.

A hurry call for an escort was taken by two motorcyclists. They escorted General Doolittle to Sales and received "Thanks" from the General for their fine job. Another feather in the hat owned by the M.P.'s. The 13 combat fatigued EM were assigned to the company today.

22 April 1945. 1st Sgt Lyman and S/Sgt Theodore Willis returned from furlough today. Their presence again was welcomed by their understudies. The boys are all on edge waiting for the war to end. Then sweating out what will happen after it's all over.

25 April 1945. Pfc Howard Morgan was a happy lad today as he left for a 45-day furlough to the U. S. A. Many calls have come in for temporary duty jobs the past week. Most of the boys like those jobs as it gives them a chance to see the world a little more.

28 April 1945. Softball has begun to get underway. Schedules are being drawn up and the boys are starting to loosen up by playing catch, etc. A few base ball players are working up enthusiasm for a base ball team. A station league is starting up with each Site producing a team.

30 April 1945. A mutual transfer of EM with Det "A" was made. Usual Pay Day with everything under control so far as the Military Police were concerned. A drive for "Yank" prescriptions was made today which netted over sixty prescriptions. The "Yank" will be sent to the home town of the individual soldier.

Total Officer strength: 4 Less Det "A" (White)  
Total EM strength : 288 Less Det "A" (White)

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**890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN)(AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT - MAY 1945**

2 May 1945. Details for V-E Day are being prepared by the different sections of the company. Guards for Interior guard have been requested from the Air Corps Section. Schedules and duty details have been drawn up for policing all nearby towns. All foot patrols will be motorized for the individual's safety.

5 May 1945. Arrangements have again been started for our company party. The 25th of this month is the date set for the second attempt to have a party. Lists of names for guards for V-E Day have been coming in. Rosters are being drawn up and most arrangements for the historic day have been completed. News reports sound as though the end may come any hour.

7 May 1945. The orderly room was thrown into a trance today when 1st Sgt Lyman learned he had lost his pistol. It was later discovered that one of the boys tried to do him a good turn by taking it off his desk and tucking it away in one of the drawers. Arrangements for V-E Day completed - everyone on edge waiting for an official announcement.

8 May 1945. V-E Day declared today by the Allied Powers at 1500 hours. All the boys went on patrol today shortly after dinner. Each officer took a detail of EM to each surrounding town. Approximately 30 jeeps and command cars were out at one time. All doing patrol work. About 300 Air Corps personnel reported to the MP Headquarters for guard duty. A grand total of nearly 600 EM worked out of this office. Everyone was extremely busy posting guards, patrols, bedding down men and other duties. Patrols were set up on a 12-hour basis while Interior guards pull an 8 hour shift. The officers put out in grand style with most staying on the job for 15 to 18 hours at a time. Cpl Albert Papp returned today from that foreign country called the United States. He was on temporary duty there. He spent 65 days furlough at home before returning. Rather hard to leave again, so Cpl Papp says.

9 May 1945. VE plus 1 found the MP's pulling their duties again. Much celebrating took place in the towns as well as on the base. The boys were lax during the two days of celebration in regards to uniform and military courtesies thereby resulting in only one arrest during the entire period. Regular duties began at 1600 hours today.

11 May 1945. "Two Down & One to go" was shown to all the boys today. It was a movie explaining the point system for discharge. Most of us figure "We've had it" until the Japs are beaten. The company commander authorized 72-hour passes for all men in the company after their arduous duties on VE and VE plus one days.

15 May 1945. A clothing and equipment showdown inspection is in progress today. Re-deployment, discharge and rotation are the subjects of discussion among the fellows lately.

17 May 1945. Sgt Frank Berube was transferred today to a replacement center for the purpose of being sent home for discharge. The first of them over forty-two years to receive discharges. One S/Sergeant and one Sergeant reduced to the grade of Private - both AWOL cases.

19 May 1945. Pfc Herbert Neuder left today for a Casual Pool for discharge. The rest of the boys feel like they wish they were 42 or some pull to get out. Pvt



Charlie Reed was confined today by Lt. Roger Smith for an accused violation of the 93rd Article of War.

21 May 1945. Our colleague company received movement orders late today. Plans for consolidating guard posts and revising the guard platoons in process. Our company was hit for 27 men and Lt. John Morledge of Det A 890th MP Co (Avn) to build the 1289th MP Company to 1/0 strength. Rumors of their going home on furloughs sounds good to the boys leaving the 890th. The 3 men now at home on furloughs have been transferred to the Reception Station, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

22 May 1945. Our losses were somewhat reduced by a gain of 6 men from the 1289th outfit that weren't eligible for return to the states. S/Sgt Willis left for Andover, Southern England to take down a prisoner attached to our company for a General Court-Martial.

23 May 1945. S/Sgt Willis returned from Andover with a free man. The accused, S/Sgt Gerald Hatchett, beat a General Court on a rape charge. Lt Smith made a flying trip to London with a couple of prisoners. Yes, he flew - by plane.

Returned in less than 24 hours. A prisoner chaser who let 2 General Prisoners escape was Court-Martialled today. Received a fine, reduction and a 30 days restriction.

24 May 1945. A usual Pay Day was had today. The boys who went to the 1289th were paid for the last time with the 890th. They should be leaving soon.

Officer strength: 4 white, 263 Less Det A white.

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HISTORICAL REPORT JUNE 1945

1 June 1945. Lt. George S. Sigler took a detail of boys to the UK Dis Tng Ctr in the padded wagon today. The prize boy Allison was among the prisoners transported to the Training Center. Boys are still taking advantage of their furlough privileges. Some are enjoying fishing trips to Wales and elsewhere.

3 June 1945. Lt. Sigler, the "Black Maria" and crew returned from their trip to Shepton Mallet today. No mishaps - everyone happy but the prisoners who are really beginning to get a workout down there.

7 June 1945. 1st Sgt Robert J Lyman and Tec 4 Edward G Lacey were picked to go home by the point system. Neither considered essential by a Headquarters Memo listing critical SON's. It was a blow to the company as we lost not only our First Sergeant but also our chief cook. All's game in the army. Some of the boys are complaining because men with lower points than they have are going home and they aren't.

9 June 1945. Sgt's Lyman and Lacey left today. Sgt John D. Mahoney was picked as Acting first Sergeant. The work is new but Sgt Mahoney's game so he should do all right. Cpl Joseph Gallo got himself a cut over the eye with a rock this evening while on guard duty. It seems that a 1st Lieutenant enjoyed throwing rocks at windows and when Cpl Gallo tried to stop him - he stopped a rock also.

10 June 1945. Capt Segal and Lt. Smith were called to investigate an accidental shooting in which one GI was killed. It happened as one fellow was inspecting a German P-38 Pistol and it accidentally went off killing a friend of his. Fingerprints, pictures and statements were taken pending investigation results.

12 June 1945. Lt. A. M. Smith took a load of GI prisoners to the UK Base Dis Tng Ctr including Pvt Everett Thomason from this organization and prize package "Plunkett". They were all delivered without mishap.

14 June 1945. 3 EM assigned and joined company today from the Base Air Depot Maintenance Depot. The 1289th MP Company (Avn) left today at 0200 hours for the train. Destination unknown but rumors take them to the United States for furlough before reassignment. Another accidental shooting called for immediate action by the town patrol and investigation. Lt. Smith lead the investigating and found a British paratrooper had accidentally shot one of our boys in a pub. The soldier was not killed.

16 June 1945. Pvt Charlie Reed was tried and convicted of stealing a ring in Southport. He was sentenced to 6 months hard labor and a fine. Hardly worth it. 29 A.M. of the 677 (4) caliber were assigned today to the company from Maintenance. All have about 3 months overage to their credit. The 2 and 3 year men look upon them as rookies! Can one blame them? It boosted the company strength to just below T/O level.

18 June 1945. Nine boys found themselves promoted from Tec 5 grade to Corporal as the special orders were published today. Some enjoyed the extra prestige of gaining a half grade in rank. Four boys were really happy to learn they made Tec 5 or Cpl from PFC. First promotions into the Non-Com grade for a long time in the company. Pfc Parley C. Agun returned from a week of unauthorized vacation. A special Court-Martial was awarded him.

21 June 1945. A prisoner escape today called for an immediate action search. He was

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recaptured by a couple of prisoner chasers after an hour search. 9 E.M. from Det "A" 890th MP Company (Avn) were transferred back to the parent organization. Joined today. Major Kritzer was appointed Summary Court-Officer to investigate the unknown victim who was found in the Mersey River in Harrington.

24 June 1945. Lt. Roger Smith left today to investigate the sudden death of a sentry. Pfc Pirley C Regan was tried today, receiving 4 months hard labor and \$60.00 fine.

The Motor Pool received a swell commendation from the Base Air Depot Are Technical Inspector today. Lt. George S. Sigler, Transportation Officer, received high praise for his faithful conscientious work.

Two Bronze Stars were presented to two boys of the company at a company inspection today. Pfc Ernest Spicker and Pfc Jonnie Sharpe, both former infantry boys, were the lucky fellows. Public Relations were down and took pictures of the presentation. The first such ceremony in this company. Their Bronze Stars were won on the fields of battle on the continent.

25 June 1945. Capt. Marvin Regal left today to pick up the prisoner Gordon who escaped from the Post Prison a while back. A trip to the UK Base Dis Tug Ctr left today with another load of GI prisoners.

26 June 1945. Sgt John D. Mahoney was transferred to the 3th Comp Sq today.

27 June 1945. The boys were all paid today. They received presents of ration cards and mess cards in their pay envelopes this month.

Officer strength:

MP Strength:

4 White  
298 Less Det "A". White.

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890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN)(AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT JULY 1945

2 July 1945. Capt Marvin M Segal returned from London with Prisoner Gordon today. The first trip after him a week ago was snafu because the London Military Police held Gordon for investigation.

5 July 1945. Pfc Charles Blackwell was caught sleeping on post. He was charged with loitering and received a fine and 12 days hard labor.

6 July 1945. Six (6) boys became happy today as they learned they were on orders for a return to the United States for discharge. All were high pointers. S/Sgt John D. Mahoney, acting 1st Sergeant, was on the departing list. S/Sgt Leon L. Hamff from Detachment "A", 890th MP Company (Avn), arrived this evening to take over the first Sergeant job. He was acting first Sergeant of the detachment for the past several months.

7 July 1945. At 1245 hours today a call from headquarters instructed us to have an additional 18 high pointers ready for a 1400 hour shipment. It was the impossible but we didn't do too badly by getting 3 men in from pass, clearing the EM through supply, and getting Certificates of Physical fitness for each man by 1600 hours. The men leaving left behind a few vacancies in N.C.O. grades. The boys are sweating out who will get them if we are permitted to fill the vacancies.

9 July 1945. Pfc Fred R Arson left on a pass for a peaceful trip to Manchester. Shortly after arriving there he fell on the curb of a sidewalk, broke a bone in his ankle and was moved to the 168th Station Hospital for observation and treatment.

10 July 1945. A detail of men shook-down Section 45, Site # 6, today. Many unauthorized items were picked up from the men. A report was submitted to the Provost Marshal and the collected articles turned over to the investigation department. Pfc Paul R. Hawkins was picked by lottery for a free "Trip to Paris", won a Stars and Stripes war bond contest. He leaves tomorrow by plane.

12 July 1945. Special orders today from Base Air Depot Area Headquarters transferred six (6) Non-Coms to detachment "O" Supply Div, BAD #1, AAF Station 446. One man on furlough was called back for clearance. Men ready to leave. Pfc Hawkins returned from his 2 day Paris trip today.

14 July 1945. Point credits for the Ardnes Campaign gave some of the former combat men an extra 5 points. They all count up and everyone needs all they can get.

17 July 1945. Lt. Roger M. Smith and Pfc Joe Howes, his driver, left today for an inspection of several smaller AAF Stations. The Provost Sections of these stations are in for a little revising in some cases.

21 July 1945. A big wedding today was the event for the day. Pvt George Brenzel became a married man today. Many of the boys attended the wedding and the reception. The Major added his tribute by giving Pvt Brenzel a 6 day honeymoon furlough.

23 July 1945. A clothing and equipment showdown inspection was the order of the day for the company. All the officers and Supply personnel were busy all day with the inspection. Capt Segal returned from a temporary duty trip to Shepton Mallet and London. Lt. Smith also returned from a successful mission to the subordinate BADA Stations in Southern England.



890th MP Co (Avn), Hist cal Report  
Cont'd (July 1945)

24 July 1945. The biggest surprise for a long time came today as Special Orders came out relieving Major Kritzer of his duties and assigning him to Oise Intermediate Section in France. The Major was busy clearing his property before leaving. Capt Marvin M. Segal to take command of the company.

27 July 1945. Two "40 year olds" received notice today to be ready for a trip to the US for a discharge. Also one dependency discharge return on the list. The boys are always happy to receive such news. Major Kritzer left by plane yesterday afternoon for his new assignment. A 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  day week is now on schedule all all applicable on the station. That's not too hard to take.

28 July 1945. Colonel CRANE and Lt. Col. SHOWN were down today to witness a Presentation of the Bronze Star to Pfc Ernest Stephens, one of the former combat men. The Colonels also inspected the ranks, quarters, and the Motor Pool. Public Relations were down to take pictures also. Quite a show! The boys looked good in their white equipment and white gloves.

31 July 1945. A usual Pay Day was held in the company today. All the boys are happy on Pay Day, it seems. The trips to the UK Base Dis Tng Ctr are at an end. The Disciplinary training Center has been moved to France. Prisoners from now on will be transported by plane. A better deal than before for the boys. They'll get a chance to see France now. One GI killed in town tonight. Causes not known as yet.

Officer strength: 3 White

EM strength: 264 White. Less Det "A", 890th MP Co (Avn)(Aug)

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**890TH MILITARY POLICE CO (AVN)(AUG)  
HISTORICAL REPORT AUGUST 1945**

**2 August 1945.** A call from Station Headquarters asked for the critical 238 SSN's Linemen is what they really wanted. In surveying our SSN's, we located one man with a 238 number, Pvt Howard Bruton. So Pvt Bruton took a plane ride today, bound for Germany and his new job as Lineman.

**3 August 1945.** The first trip to France with prisoners fell to Lt. George S. Sigler and S/Sgt Alfred Prince. The boys left by plane early this morning. A call for 30 MP's from our company to help carry out an Air Force Exhibition in Paris was received today. The company commander called a staff meeting and men were picked for the 60 man temporary duty trip to Paris. Tec 5 Dale Stephens, a member of Det "A", 890th MP Co (Avn)(Aug), who holds down a clerk-typist spec-number was transferred to a QM Battalion in Germany. He departed by plane late today.

**5 August 1945.** The closing of the AAF Station 571 left our detachment without a home. Thus the detachment was disbanded and rejoined the 890th, it's parent organization today. S/Sgt Leon Hamff went over to help them move back.

**6 August 1945.** The 30 men picked for the "Paris" detail left today by train to London. All the fellows seem rather happy about the chance to see France. What they will be doing, no one here knows.

**7 August 1945.** Lt. Sigler and Sgt Prince returned from an unsuccessful mission to France with their prisoners. Their ride was described as rocky, like a boat. The Lieutenant said he almost became sick. Maybe the France trips wont be so good after all. Furloughs ended and began today.

**10 August 1945.** Orders are in the making to transfer Lts. Roger M. Smith and George S. Sigler to a different MP Company bound for the Pacific. In exchange the 890th is to receive 2 "high pointer" Lieutenants. This news was far from welcomed by either the Lieutenants or the men of the company. A peace offer by the Japanese government has been made. The second atomic bomb and the Russian entry into the war have caused the doomed Japs to realize that it's time to toss in the towel.

**12 August 1945.** The world awaits the decision of the "Big Four" on the Japanese peace offer. Telephone conferences around the world have been in session since the offer was made. Many lives will depend on the decision made by the allied powers.

**14 August 1945.** The preparations for VJ day celebrations were put into high gear today as the war news expects official announcement at any minute. The town patrol will be composed of interior guard and the regular town patrol. Lts. Smith and Sigler left yesterday morning for their new company. Lt. Lee L. Frodsham and Lt. Louis Comenzo joined the company in their places.

**15 August 1945.** Official announcement of VJ day came at 0001 hours today. Flares lit up the sky like the 4th of July celebrations back in the United States. Bonfires over the entire station were predominant. The MP's were sent out in an orderly fashion and in a hurry. Everyone was celebrating into the wee hours of the morning. No damage was done except for a few bulletin boards, fences clothes lines and duck boards being used to build bigger bonfires.



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17 August 1945. The VJ celebrations came to an end today. Most GIs reported for work this morning. The celebrations were fairly quiet with only a few minor arrests. The men patrolling rode in jeeps in groups of 3 or 4 each, working in 12 hour shifts. They covered all nearby towns. The boys start getting their VJ 48 hour passes today.

20 August 1945. Capt Segal made a fatal attempt to get a plane ride to Paris today. All planes going were fully loaded. Most planes were grounded because of a low ceiling around the Burtonwood vicinity. The Captain is going over to see how the 30 man detachment is getting along and take their records and allied papers to them.

21 August 1945. The Captain finally got a plane today at noon. Lt. Fredham is commanding the company in the Captain's absence. A reduction in discharge age to 28 years, has made 18 EM from this company eligible for discharge and 2 men from Paris returned today to await further instructions on their prospective discharges.

27 August 1945. The "oldies" of the company earned the orderly room today as news spread that the discharge authority arrived at the orderly room. Their applications were made out and submitted to headquarters to await orders for return to the states.

31 August 1945. A prisoner escort trip to Paris, France, gave 2 of our boys an opportunity to see France. Temporary duty trips all over England have given many boys a chance to travel on government expense. Company paid as usual.

Total GI strength: 289 (white)  
Total Officer Strength: 3 (white)

1st Lt., CMP,  
Historical Officer.



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**890TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)  
HISTORICAL REPORT SHEET 1945**

2 September 1945. Orders giving the "go ahead" on the re-organization has been received. Capt Segal has been busy picking men and gathering information concerning necessary qualifications. Everyone is wondering whether or not they are in the new company.

5 September 1945. 12 EM, "38 Years Old" left today for their return trip to the states. 3 men of the over age group, are still left. They are expected to leave tomorrow. We lost some key men when Sgts Alfred Peterson, owner of a Scroll for Outstanding Efficiency, and Harry DeHate, Town Patrol NCO, left today. They are reporting to Ogbourne, St. George for further processing before departure.

6 September 1945. Capt Segal left today for a Courts-Martial in London. He left the list of men for the new company before leaving. 89 men have been picked between the ASR score of 45 and 60. Lists of the surplus men have been submitted to Station Headquarters for disposition.

8 September 1945. Calls from Station Headquarters today asked for groups of EM under 45 points and under 35 years of age for shipment to Germany. Another call asked for all 677's below the 60 points and under 35 years of age for a transfer to the continent. Both lists were filled with surplus men.

9 September 1945. Our new company was hit for 16 men to fulfill another quota for shipment to the continent. Things are really getting rough.

11 September 1945. The first group of 20 men under 45 points left today by plane for France. The other 85 are being prepared for transfer. Men to fill duties are getting desperate. Request for the balance of the surplus men to be transferred was submitted today. Recommendation for promotions was made up today.

13 September 1945. Another 15 boys left today for a Service Group in Southern England. The company is growing smaller by the day. Down to 213 at present. Capt Segal is still arguing for our promotions. Pfc Raymond Lacoix was removed from shipping orders for Germany and returned to the states for emergency reasons.

15 September 1945. The balance of the surplus men for the new company transferred to the 890th MP Co (Avn) on Special Orders today. A new promotion letter of recommendations was submitted yesterday morning. Some men had to be cut from the previous recommendation.

18 September 1945. 22 E.M. were happy to learn they received promotions today. Promotions included: 1 1st Sgts, 3 Staff Sgts, 4 Sgts and 14 Cpls. The company's strength was dropped to 94 men as all shipments have left.

20 September 1945. They boys all received their increase in ASR scores today. Some increased by 20 points including their foreign service and a child born between 1941 and 43 day. S/Sgt Alfred G. Prince, our investigation chief, transferred to the Station Camp 24 today.

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25 September 1945. 15 boys left today on their first step home. All the fellows had 75 or more points since VE day. They're assigned to a Fighter Group destined for the U.S.A. Four other boys returned today from a trip to France with some G.I. prisoners. Very enjoyable time in Paris, was their only comment. The 984th MP Company arrived yesterday with 3 officers and 60 EM from AAF Station 802 for duty here.

26 September 1945. Capt Segal and Col Strubel left today for a 4-day Court-Martial trip to Cardiff, London and Barry. MOS changes came in today on 1st Sgt Hamff, 3rd Sgt Cimino, Sgt Beckmiller and Tec 5 Perez.

27 September 1945. The Motor Pool lost 2 mechanics today. One permanent, transferred to go home. The other, Pfc Leon Hines, met a truck head-on, on a motorcycle and landed in a hospital badly bruised up.

30 September 1945. 1st Lt. Lee L. Frodsham was Pay Master today in lieu of Capt Segal who was still away on a Court-Martial. The Captain came back late tonight. Every one was paid as usual. The town patrol policed a Post Football game today as the 58th "Hearcats" whipped the G-25 "Generals" 33 to 0.

Company strength: 26 (White)  
Officer strength: 2 (White)

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